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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 02-21-2001  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 11-13-2000  
NATURE OF CALL: THEFT & FALSE REPORT OF A CRIME  
LOCATION OF CALL: ANTELOPE SPRINGS CHURCH  
CASE NUMBER: SO 01 2143  
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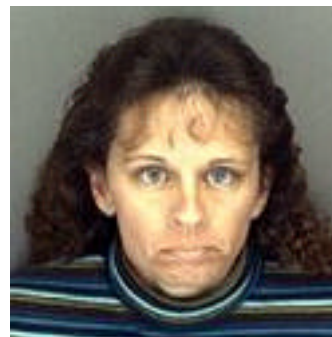
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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Monday November 13, 2000 the Placer County Sheriff's Department received a call of a robbery and assault occurring at the Antelope Springs Church in west Placer County. The church secretary, Laura Arredondo, reported she had been assaulted, forced into a bathroom, tied to a sink and locked inside the bathroom by two suspects.

After an extensive investigation the incident was found to have been fabricated by Arredondo. Her statements were inconsistent with the physical evidence found at the scene. The Placer County District Attorneys Office has filed a complaint against Arredondo for one misdemeanor count of filing a false report of a criminal offense and one misdemeanor count of obstructing a peace officer.

As well as the false report incident, Arredondo was arrested on charges of theft and use of a forged bank card. These charges stem from the investigation that revealed Arredondo obtained a credit card for herself through the church while employed there. The church was unaware of the card and did not authorize her the use of any credit cards. Arredondo charged over \$15,000.00 dollars worth of personal items on this illegally obtained card. She is currently on bail pending trial.



The suspect's actions in this case caused the Sheriff's Department to dedicate an extensive amount of investigative time and effort that could have been better spent solving legitimate crimes. When these types of cases do occur, they will be consistently referred to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

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